

TERRA ROSSA  
MERLOT  
2020

PARKER  
COONAWARRA  
ESTATE

*Classic cool-climate Merlot, expressive and approachable with clarity and length of flavour.*

*Viticulture*

The fruit for this wine is sourced from the 17 rows of 'Terry's Block' on our 'Abbey' estate vineyard.

Planted in 1985, this low yielding 1.5 ha sub-section produces fruit with strong regional character and intensity of flavour.

The Terra Rossa Merlot is made in limited quantities, and only in those vintages deemed to be truly outstanding.

*Winemaking*

The grapes were picked by select harvester on the 30th of March; these state of the art harvesters de-stem the berries in the vineyard, therefore also macerating the fruit in preparation for fermentation.

The grapes were fermented in a 9T closed top fermenter for 9-12 days at a cool temperature to increase aromatic retention. Pump-overs occurred daily to express fruit profile and obtain vibrant colour. All parcels completed malolactic fermentation in stainless steel before the wine was barrelled down to a combination of old and new French oak for 1 year of maturation prior to bottling.

*Tasting Notes*

- Colour** Deep purple core with bright red rim.
- Aroma** An aromatic nose of mulberry and plum with earthy undertones and a hint of spice.
- Palate** Generous and rich palate of blackberry, chocolate and a touch of red liquorice. Bright acidity and fine, chalky tannins blend into a smooth, lingering finish.

*Analysis*

Alcohol	14.5%	TA	5.7g/L
pH	3.46	RS	0.5g/L

